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COMMENT: The announcement of the moratorium and cut in rations to "scattered refugees" just prior to the arrival of a joint study team from the World Food Program and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees suggest that Pakistan is attempting to gain a favorable report. Previous joint study missions have disputed official Pakistani figures for registered refugees and charged mismanagement of the refugee program. By reducing rations to the "scattered refugees," authorities probably hope to force unregistered refugees into government-controlled camps. The relocation probably will also help ease local concerns about the recent series of terrorist bombing attacks, which Pakistani citizens blame on the refugees.	25X1
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General Secretary Naiibullah, in an address to the Nineteenth Plenum of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, said defense councils have been created at the provincial level.	
They comprise party, regime administrative, and "civil	25 X 1
armed forces" representatives, The councils are to coordinate political and military efforts against the insurgents.	25X1 25X1
COMMENT: The defense councils probably are an attempt by Najibullah to exert greater party control over paramilitary and police units now controlled by government ministries. Najibullah probably also hopes that the new structure will enhance coordination of counterinsurgency operations and ensure compliance with directives from Kabul.	25 X 1
IN BRIEF	
Brigadier Dagarwal Nizamuddin, deputy commander of	
the Afghan Army III Corps, died on 22 July of wounds received in combat, according to press accounts. Nizamuddin evidently was seriously wounded in late May, probably during fighting at	
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		An official Saudi delegation recently visited Harare to lobby for a strong resolution on Afghanistan and a resistance alliance presence at the Nonaligned Movement (NAM) summit in August, according to the US Embassy in Riyadh. To strengthen its proposal, the delegation presented the Government of Zimbabwe with \$5 million to defray costs of the summit. India, the NAM chairman, is opposed to the resistance attending the summit, and it is not clear how vigorously	
		Harare will promote the insurgents' cause.	2
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Panjsher Valley insurgent commander Masood's forces are experiencing some financial difficulties and increased pressure on their logistics network. Although the problems are not vet critical, the querrilla leader is concerned that the problems could erode popular support for the insurgents in the Panjsher and hamper his efforts to expand the insurgency in northern Afghanistan. Increasingly effective interdiction by the Soviets and Afghan regime forces of supply carayans	
from Pakistan may also be hurting the querrillas' combat capabilities.	25X1
Income and Expenses	
Masond's organization is financed largely by its own efforts. He receives only limited financial support from the Jamiat-i-Islami insurgent organization based in Pakistan.	25 X 1
and relies mainly on taxes that he imposes on the sale of locally mined gemstones, the transit of convoys, and the salaries of former Panjsheri residents	25X1
network to mer <u>chandise items captured in raids on</u>	25 X 1
Soviet convoys.	25 X 1
Masood's revenues seem to have fallen recently. Masood's forces are interdicting Soviet convoys less frequently this year because of the concentration on expanding the insurgents' infrastructure in northern Afghanistan, and income from that source probably has decreased. Logistics problems resulting from weather-caused	25X1
delays, rising transportation costs, and increased enemy interdiction also may be reducing Masood's income from taxes on the sale of emeralds and lapis lazulithat have to be transported to Pakistan for sale.	25 X 1
At the same time, Masood's expenses evidently have increased. There are more requests for support from the increasingly needy civilian population in areas	25 X 1
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become more serious if interdiction efforts take a greater toll or if Masood's financial problems worsen, and he is unable to pay for the transportation costs of the caravans. Although captured weapons form a large 25X1 part of his arsenal, Masood depends heavily on outside supplies of mines and heavy weapons 25X1 In addition, the convoys bring in bobular food items--such as rice, tea, sugar--25X1 that are used to supplement locally grown wheat. 25X1 Continuing financial and logistical difficulties 25X1 probably will force Masood to spend more time trying to preserve the gains that his organization has made

Continuing financial and logistical difficulties probably will force Masood to spend more time trying to preserve the gains that his organization has made rather than focusing on expansion of querrilla activities in the northern provinces. Although these pressures have not yet caused a deterioration in overall capabilities, they could have a negative effect on his organization over the longer term.

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